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In an effort to expedite examination of the instant application, applicant is advised that the amendment submitted 2/11/03 (Paper No. 22) has been treated as an amendment filed concurrently with the brief even though it was not. This amendment has been entered and claim 7 cancelled. This submission has been treated as being responsive to the Notice of Defective Appeal Brief mailed 1/16/03. For future reference, applicant is reminded that the proper response to a Notice of Defective Appeal Brief is to submit a new appeal brief (in triplicate) correcting the deficiencies noted.

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